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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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SUBJECT: Presentation of NIS Commendations

1. You will recall that last year we visited Army, Navy, Air Force, State, and Interior to present NIS Commendations to the first recipients. Being the initial round of these awards, it was desirable that we make the presentations before departmental audiences. Also, there were several persons receiving awards in each department, the result of ten years of NIS performance preceding the establishment of the award.

2. This year the award is an established one and the number of recipients will be smaller. I would therefore like to propose that the NIS Commendations be awarded in the Director's Conference Room immediately before a meeting of the Intelligence Board. In this way the Chiefs of Intelligence could be brought together for a brief ceremony with a minimum disruption to these busy people's schedules, and the departmental recipients could be conveniently assembled. It would be an honor if the Director or General Cabell would participate in the actual presentations, and I believe this would also be advantageous in terms of relationships between CIA and these other agencies. Arrangements could also be made for photographs to be taken of the recipients with their chiefs.

3. If this meets with your approval and the Director's, I would plan to hold the ceremony as soon as the NIS Committee had made its selection of those nominated and the citations and certificates had been prepared, probably in late July or early August. I have discussed this proposal with the NIS Committee and it has their wholehearted agreement.

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